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Pennsylvania's Crop Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Nov 9, 2010 - - **Pennsylvania's** 2010 production of soybeans is expected to be above last year, while production of corn for grain and potatoes is expected to be below last year based on November 1 conditions, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Corn for grain production is forecast at 120.3 million bushels, 9 percent less than last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 940,000 with an expected average yield of 128 bushels per acre, unchanged from the October forecast, but down 15 bushels per acre from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 20.9 million bushels, 2 percent more than last year's production of 20.5 million bushels. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 485,000, compared with 445,000 last year. Yield is expected to average 43 bushels per acre, unchanged from the October forecast, but 3 bushels per acre below last year's yield.

Potato production is forecast at 2.33 million cwt., 21 percent less than last year. Acreage for harvest is expected to be 9,500, remaining steady with last year. Yield is expected to average 245 cwt. per acre, compared to a yield of 310 cwt. per acre last year.

United States' corn production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 154.3 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from the previous month and 10.4 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels. Forecasted yields decreased from last month throughout much of the Corn Belt, with the biggest decline forecasted in Missouri, down 7 bushels per acre. The expected yield in South Dakota declined 5 bushels from last month, while the Nebraska yield dropped 4 bushels per acre. Record high yields are forecast in California, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.38 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast, but up slightly from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 43.9 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last month and down 0.1 bushel from last year's record high yield. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower or unchanged in all major-producing states except Delaware, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin. The largest decreases in yield from last month are expected in Kansas, Nebraska, New Jersey, and South Dakota, down 2 bushels each. If realized, the forecasted yields in Illinois, Louisiana, New York, and Wisconsin will be record highs and the forecasted yield in Michigan and North Dakota will tie the previous record high. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 76.8 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 1 percent from 2009.

Fall Potatoes: Production of fall potatoes for 2010 is forecast at 361 million cwt, down 8 percent from 2009. Area harvested, at 882,500 acres, is slightly above the July forecast. The average yield, forecast at 410 cwt per acre, is down 19 cwt per acre from last year's record high yield.

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